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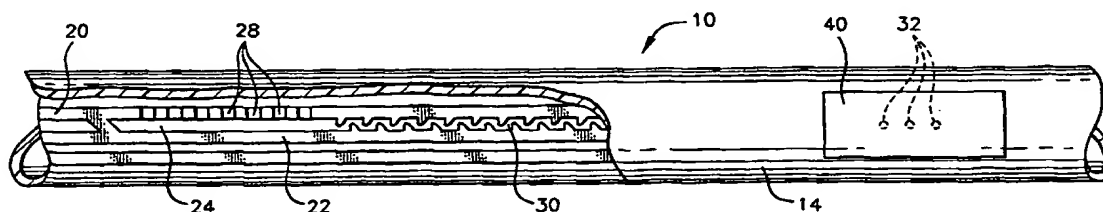
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A drip irrigation hose (10) is provided that employs a root deterrent strip (40) to discourage root intrusion. The hose has an interior surface, an exterior surface, and a water supply passage (26) extending therethrough. One or more outlets (32) connect the water supply passage to the exterior of the hose. One or more root deterrent strips (40) are attached to the interior surface or the exterior surface of the hose (10) at or near the outlets (32). Each root deterrent strip comprises a fabric strip impregnated with a chemical herbicide.

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